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Serial No. : (to be assigned) Examiner:
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For : TRICLOSAN AND SILVER COMPOUND
CONTAINING MEDICAL DEVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments to the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21, 30-31 and 39, without prejudice to the prosecution of this subject matter in separate applications.

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-captioned application, and that this application as amended be considered by the Examiner.

Claims 22-29 and 32-38 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1-21, 30-31, and 39 have been cancelled without prejudice to the prosecution of this subject matter in separate applications. Claims 1-19 and 39 have been allowed in the parent application Serial No. 09/281,872, filed March 31, 1999, upon which this application claims priority. Claims 20-21 and 30-31 were subject to a restriction requirement in the parent application, as being drawn to a separately patentable invention.

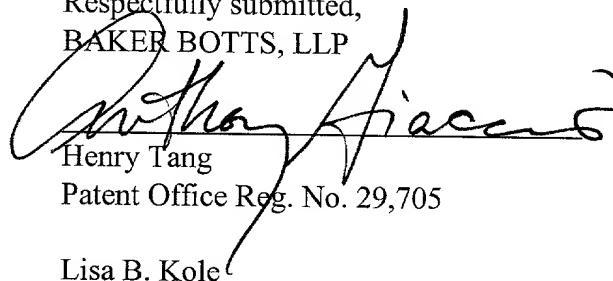
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Applicants believe no fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request the prompt issuance of all pending claims 22-29
and 32-38.

Respectfully submitted,
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